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BC LICENSING, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; BCIP, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; JRS HOSPITALITY, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; PERRY ROGERS, an individual; SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, an individual; COREY JENKINS, an individual; JOSHUA HALPERN, an individual; MATTHEW SILVERMAN, an individual; SAMUEL STANOVICH, an individual; and MATTHEW PIEKARSKI, an individual,

Counterclaim Defendants.

Defendants/Counterclaim Plaintiffs DMD CHICKEN, LLC ("DMD"); FREDERICK BURGESS ("Burgess"); JACK FLECHNER ("Flechner") (collectively, "DMD parties"), Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant BC LICENSING, LLC ("BCL") and Counterclaim Defendants BCIP, LLC ("BCIP"); JRS HOSPITALITY, LLC ("JRS"); PERRY ROGERS ("Rogers") SHAQUILLE O'NEAL ("O'Neal"); COREY JENKINS ("Jenkins"); JOSHUA HALPERN ("Halpern"); MATTHEW SILVERMAN ("Silverman"); SAMUEL STANOVICH ("Stanovich"); and MATTHEW PIEKARSKI ("Piekarski") ("BC Counterclaim Defendants") (DMD parties, BCL, and BC Counterclaim Defendants collectively "the "Parties"), by and through their counsel of record, stipulate and agree that all further discovery deadlines be extended beyond the dates set forth in the Court's May 9, 2025 Scheduling Order [ECF No. 42] as set forth more fully below.

Good cause exists to extend discovery deadlines so that the Parties may continue diligently engaging in discovery necessary to determine all material facts related to this matter.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) and LR 26-3, the Parties state the following:

## A. THE PARTIES HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING DISCOVERY:

- 1. All BC Counterclaim Defendants, except for Piekarski, served their Initial Disclosures on May 22, 2025;
  - 2. BCL served its Initial Disclosures on May 22, 2025;
  - 3. The DMD parties served their Initial Disclosures on May 22, 2025;
- 4. The DMD parties served their First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents to BCL and all BC Counterclaim Defendants on June 9, 2025;

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- 5. BCL served its First Set of Interrogatories, First Set of Requests for Production of Documents, and First Set of Requests for Admissions to the DMD parties on June 23 and 24, 2025;
- 6. O'Neal served his First Set of Interrogatories, First Set of Requests for Production of Documents, and First Set of Requests for Admissions to the DMD parties on June 24, 2025;
- 7. JRS served its First Set of Interrogatories, First Set of Requests for Production of Documents, and First Set of Requests for Admissions to DMD on June 24, 2025.

## В. **DISCOVERY THAT REMAINS TO BE COMPLETED:**

- 1. BCL's Responses to the DMD parties' First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents are due on July 7, 2025;
- 2. BC Counterclaim Defendants' Responses to the DMD parties' First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents are due July 7, 2025;
- 3. DMD's Responses to BCL's First Set of Interrogatories, First Set of Requests for Production of Documents, and First Set of Requests for Admissions are due on July 23, 2025;
- Flechner and Burgess' responses to BCL's First Set of Interrogatories are due on July 4. 24, 2025;
- 5. Flechner and Burgess' responses to O'Neal's First Set of Interrogatories and Admissions are due on July 24, 2025;
- 6. DMD's responses to JRS' First Set of Interrogatories, First Set of Requests for Production of Documents, and First Set of Requests for Admissions are due on July 24, 2025;
- 7. Production of Documents pursuant to the responses outlined above;
- 8. Potential supplemental document requests as needed in follow-up to the initial round of discovery;
- 9. Subpoenas duces tecum and ad testificandum to third parties, including current, former and prospective Big Chicken franchisees across the country, the identities of which are the subject of pending outstanding written discovery requests;

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- 10. Depositions of all of the named parties in this action, including Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6) depositions of BCL, BCIP and DMD, all of which still must be scheduled;
- 11. Discovery and potential depositions of potential third-party witnesses, such as:
  - a. Current/former/prospective Big Chicken franchisees, who will be identified in documents and/or in answers to interrogatories or depositions;
  - Current/former employees or members of BCL who may be identified in b. documents and/or in answers to interrogatories or depositions;
  - Current/former members of BCIP who will be identified in documents and/or c. in answers to interrogatories or depositions;
  - d. Current/former employees or members of JRS who may be identified in documents and/or in answers to interrogatories or depositions;
  - Such other individuals or third parties that may be named or identified in e. documents and/or in answers to interrogatories or depositions;
- 12. Retention and Exchanging of Expert Disclosures, if necessary, based on the exchange of written discovery and documents; and
- 13. Expert Depositions, if necessary.

## C. REASONS WHY THE REMAINING DISCOVERY WAS NOT COMPLETED:

This case began as a four-party dispute, when BCL sued the DMD parties for breach of contract and related claims. ECF No. 1-2. However, on March 18, 2025, DMD filed a counterclaim against BCL, JRS, BCIP, Rogers, O'Neal, Jenkins, Halpern, Silverman, and Stanovich, adding fraud claims and related claims and eight new parties to the case. ECF No. 6. On April 30, 2025, BCL and BC Counterclaim Defendants filed motions to dismiss the counterclaim. ECF Nos. 32, 34; see also ECF No. 37. But on May 24, 2025, the DMD parties filed an amended counterclaim, adding a ninth party, Piekarski. ECF No. 44. The amended counterclaim required BCL and BC Counterclaim Defendants to prepare and file new motions to dismiss. See ECF No. 49 at 4 ("the motions to dismiss the now-superseded counterclaims [ECF Nos. 32, 34] are DENIED as moot"). BCL and BC Counterclaim Defendants filed their renewed motions to dismiss on June 9, 2025. ECF Nos. 51 and 52. This motion practice has taken up considerable time.

Since the Court's Scheduling Order on May 9, 2025, the Parties have diligently engaged in

which seek substantial information and documents regarding, *inter alia*: the operations of the Big Chicken franchise system as a whole, communications with other Big Chicken franchisees across the country, DMD's due diligence and conduct under the various agreements at issue, and the factual basis for the various alleged misrepresentations alleged in the DMD parties' Amended Counterclaim. While the Parties are working diligently on these requests, they call for electronic discovery and require significant work to both respond to and review. As of now, the Parties are still in the process of responding to each other's discovery requests. As is the case in much litigation, the claims and defenses are still being developed, and the responses to these pending discovery responses will help the parties determine how to proceed with expert disclosures and which particular subject areas may be appropriate for expert testimony. Additionally, as the claims in this case and the discovery requests implicate third parties (*e.g.*, other Big Chicken franchisees across the Country), the Parties anticipate third-party discovery, including third-party discovery outside of this jurisdiction.

Moreover, Piekarski was only recently served with the Amended Counterclaim and his answer or motion to dismiss is not due until July 7.

Until the Parties complete the pending written discovery, they are not yet prepared to complete expert disclosures, and thus, the parties request to continue the expert disclosure deadline by 60 days in order to allow sufficient time to complete written discovery and allow sufficient time for analysis of potential expert testimony. Additional third-party discovery and depositions may

The additional 60 days is also requested because Jarod Penniman—the Bailey Kennedy associated assigned to this matter and tasked with part of these duties—recently left the firm for 30 days on paternity leave.

also be necessary for potential expert discovery. In light of the requested expert disclosure extension, the Parties have requested a comparable 60-day extension of the discovery deadline until November 14, 2025, that would allow sufficient time to complete document production, depositions, and potential expert depositions prior to the close of discovery. The Parties have submitted no previous requests for extensions of these deadlines.2

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETING THE REMAINING DISCOVERY: D.

The parties propose the following discovery deadlines:

Last Day to Complete Fact Discovery: November 14, 2025

September 15, 2025<sup>3</sup> Deadline for Initial Experts:

Deadline for Rebuttal Experts: October 14, 2025

December 15, 2025<sup>4</sup> Deadline to File Dispositive Motions:

Joint proposed pretrial order: January 12, 2026, or 30 days after

resolution of dispositive motions

/// IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: June 30, 2025 ///

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Pursuant to LR 26-3, the Parties first filed a stipulation to extend all further discovery deadlines beyond the 25 dates set forth in the Court's May 9, 2025 Scheduling Order 21 days before the expert disclosure deadline. ECF No. 62. The Court denied the stipulation without prejudice. ECF No. 63. The Parties now seek to file this revised stipulation. 26

<sup>60</sup> days from July 16, 2025, is Sunday, September 14, 2025. Monday, September 15, 2025, is the next judicial day.

<sup>60</sup> days from October 14, 2025, is Saturday, December 13, 2025. Monday, December 15, 2025, is the next judicial day.